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First Named Inventor	Ming Li
Art Unit	1635
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 43 as follows:

43. (Amended) A method of modifying insulin secretion by pancreatic beta cells in vitro, the method comprising modifying levels of functional T type calcium channels in the in vitro pancreatic beta cells.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of this claim accompanies this amendment.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The rejection of claims 43-49 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement is respectfully traversed.

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